

Chennakesava temple at Belur in Karnataka. It has also decided to take up some urgent renovation works at Sringeri Vidyasan-kara temple, the official added.

He said the transplantation of Koodavalli Sangameswara temple from the banks of the Krishna and Tungabadara rivers to Alampur in Andhra Pradesh was over. The ASI had succeeded in protecting the sixth century temple which was facing danger of submersion when the Sri Sailam Hydro Electric Project was implemented.

Pandey expresses regret for misinforming House

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (UNI) Congress (I) member Ratnakar Pandey today expressed regret in the Rajya Sabha for misinforming the House on August 17 last that former Lok Sabha member Mamta Banerjee had succumbed to injuries sustained during an anti-price rise Congress (I) demonstration in Calcutta.

Mr Pandey's regret came after 40 minutes of heated exchanges between the CPI (M), BJP and National Front members and the opposition each accusing the other side of politicising the issue.

At first Mr Pandey, who was called by Deputy Chairman Najma Heptulla to speak after Marxist member Dipen Ghosh raised the matter, did not offer any regrets.

He merely said he had conveyed to the House the information he had received from Calcutta and the government to con-

test against the illegal action of the government, Ms Jayalalitha said great injustice has been done to her party by the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and she would seek legal remedy.

In her 45 minutes speech, Ms Jayalalitha accused Chief Minister M Karunanidhi of misusing the police force and trying to liquidate the opposition parties.

Referring to Mr Karunanidhi's charge that she was trying to whip up violence by staging the rally, Ms Jayalalitha

State Government responsible for the death of Ms Banerjee.

Mrs Heptulla repeatedly told the member to apologise but he resumed his seat without doing so. As she called Mr A B Vajpayee (BJP) to speak, Mr P Shiv Shankar, the leader of the opposition, urged the chair not to persist with the matter after his colleague had explained the position.

However, Mrs Heptulla did not agree with him as she felt the conduct of a member misinforming the house could be discussed.

She said agitated Congress (I) members that while no one would support atrocities on women, no member had the right to kill someone when she was alive.

The chair reminded them at another stage that Mr Pandey had not apologised. Also there were six other Congress (I) members who had spoken about the death of Ms Banerjee.

shutters. The processionists raised anti Karunanidhi slogans. They tore off wall posters of rebel leaders Thirunavukkarasu and KKSSR Ramachandran.

Ms Jayalalitha joined the procession at the converging point and addressing the rally from a van.

A tense situation prevailed soon after Ms Jayalalitha completed her emotional speech with the crowd throwing chap-pans and stones on the police. The police, however, did not retaliate.

mistake and Mr N K P Salve Deputy Cong (I) leader said that Mr Pandey had inadvertently misinformed the house and his intention was bonafide that Mr Pandey rose to express regret.

Earlier Mr Ghosh described Mr Pandey's conduct as "rep-rehensible" and said he had committed a "serious mis-demeanour" in making an unfounded charge against a State Government which could not defend itself in the house.

He, however, condemned the physical attack on Ms Banerjee. Earlier, there were protests from the Cong (I) benches when the Marxist member quoted Parliamentary Affairs Minister P Upendra as having said after the issue was raised on August 17 that Ms Banerjee was "hale and hearty".

He caused another furore when he said that Mrs Heptulla had also said that Ms Banerjee was "hale and hearty".

Mrs Heptulla however, corrected Mr Ghosh that she had only said that Ms Banerjee was

and live of the Jayalalitha faction and summoned the marshalls.

Leader of the opposition in the house S R Eradha, Sengot-taiyan and Arjunana of the Jayalalitha faction and rebel party leader Thirunavukkarasu and KKSSR Ramachandran

No plans to increase of petroleum products

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (UNI) The government has no plans to increase the cost of petroleum products despite the current situation in the Gulf and the recent hike by the organisation of petroleum exporting countries.

However, Petroleum Minister M S Gurupadaswamy refused to give an assurance in the Rajya Sabha that there will be no price hike for one year.

He said that the current price of oil from the Gulf was between 24 to 26 US Dollars per barrel, although the price had officially been hiked to 21 US Dollars.

India was attempting to get oil from the Soviet Union, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Mr Gurupadaswamy called upon the public and the private sector to cooperate with the government in this regard, especially in view of the fact that the finance ministry had only permitted a sum of Rs 800 crore for this purpose for the current year.

He told Mr Kapil Verma that the bill for the year 1989-90 was Rs 6440 crore in foreign exchange, and therefore the Finance Ministry was being especially in view of the current Gulf crisis.

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